

Boulevard Planning Group
MINUTES/SUMMARY, MAY 6, 2010
Boulevard Fire and Rescue Inc. Bay Mtg. Area, 39919 Highway 94/Ribbonwood

1) CALL TO ORDER at 7:06 PM.

2) DETERMINATION OF QUORUM/ROLL CALL: Members present: Tammy Daubach, Cheryl Lenz, Jeffrey McKernan, Chris Noland, Donna Tisdale (Chair). Excused Absence: Darlene Boublis, Patricia Stuart

3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES: M/S McKernan/Noland to approve the April 1, 2010 minutes. Passed: 5-0-0.

4) CORRESPONDENCE: None that is not addressed on the agenda.

5) NEW BUSINESS:

A. WIND ENERGY MET TOWERS INSTALLED ON CAMPO RESERVATION:

Discussion of the installation of 6 MET towers on tribal lands with categorical exclusions. Several are adjacent to private lands with more expected.

M/S Noland/Lenz that Chair Tisdale will write a letter to the BIA challenging the categorical exclusions and proximity to private land, and to request to be added to the mailing list. Passed 5-0-0.

6. UPDATES AND POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS:

A. GENERAL PLAN: ZONING CONSISTENCY REVIEW, BOULEVARD

COMMUNITY PLAN STATUS & EQUITY MECHANISM POSITION: The Planning Group received two new zoning maps, the Use Regulation Map and the Lot Size Map. The maps were reviewed. The DPLU General Plan Update Equity Mechanisms Fact Sheet was handed out to the Planning Group members. Electronic copies were provided previously. The Fact Sheet also explains the Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) and Purchase of Development Rights (PDR). SORE (Save Our Rural Economies) submitted a proposal to the County for the equity mechanisms. President Duncan McFetridge of SOFAR (Save Our Forests And Ranches) gave a presentation on SOFAR's views. He provided the SOFAR handout Re: Equity Mechanisms of the General Plan Update and the San Diego County General Plan Update: Saving Land by Developing It – Contradiction or Plan? SOFAR believes that equity mechanisms are to compensate for supposed loss of value due to community planning and have no legal basis in theory or practice. Courts have repeatedly ruled that zoning is not an individual property right, as proposed by the County of San Diego, it is a community right. Currently in place is the successful Board Policy I-38. Also successfully in place is the Williamson Act, a California State Law. The General Plan Update would remove the County Zoning Ordinance "A" Special Area Regulation Designator in all Agricultural Preserves not currently under a Williamson Act Contract. Cleveland National Forest would be fragmented without the Preserves.

M/S McKernan/Noland that a letter be written to the DPLU stating that the Planning Group is opposed to the TDRs and PDRs and that and that the Planning Group supports

PACE (Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easement), the Williamson Act, Board Policy I-38, and the preservation of large lot zoning. Passed 5-0-0.

B. SDG&E COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING: The next SDG&E Community Council Meeting is scheduled for 6 PM, May 18, at Sacred Rocks Reserve on Shasta Way. It was determined that Donna Tisdale, Tammy Daubach, and Jeff McKernan would attend. There will only be three Planning Group members attending the community council meetings so as not to violate the Brown Act due to land use being discussed.

C. PROPOSED CAMPO LANDFILL: Public comment deadline is May 12. Comments to be sent to Dale Risling, Acting Regional Director, Pacific Regional Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, California 95825. A draft letter opposing the Campo Landfill was reviewed. There were no objections, just a request to address traffic impacts especially at I-8 Border Patrol checkpoint. (Voted to oppose landfill on 4-1-10.)

M/S McKernan/Lenz approved with changes. Passed 5-0-0.

D. NEW US BORDER PATROL STATION PROPOSED IN BOULEVARD: Border Patrol (BP) Supervisors Henry Soule and Richard Marzec were present. Planner Noland received a response letter from Charles Parsons to the comment letter that he had written about the Final EA. The response was that there were no impacts and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has been signed. There was a discussion of need to address impacts to adjacent neighbors. Chair Tisdale suggested a letter be sent to Congressman Hunter on the issue / concerns. Border Patrol requested that Charles Parsons receive a copy of the letter that will be sent to Congressman Hunter.

M/S Lenz/McKernan that a letter be sent to Congressman Hunter asking that he review that adjacent neighbors are protected and that impacts, especially sewer and water impacts, are analyzed and mitigated properly with a cc to Charles Parsons. Passed 5-0-0.

E. SUNRISE POWERLINK, ECO SUBSTATION & WIND ENERGY PROJECT ISSUES: SDG&E is preparing a Final Project Modification Report, expected May 17, 2010, which describes modifications made to the selected alternative after publication of the Final EIR/EIS.

F. BOULEVARD REVITALIZATION: It was discussed and decided that the Planning Group will continue to support Boulevard Revitalization but not as an Ad-hoc Committee. Boulevard Revitalization will be left on the Planning Group agendas. The next Backcountry Revitalization Steering Committee meeting will be held at Campo Community Center on May 28th, from 2:30-4:30 PM.

M/S Tisdale/McKernan that Planner Lenz will send a letter to the County Board of Supervisors, informing them of the Planning Group's continuing support of Boulevard Revitalization and the dissolving of the Ad-Hoc Committee. Planner Daubach to review the draft of the letter. Passed 5-0-0.

7. PRESENTATION FROM THE FLOOR ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: In response to a question, Brit Coupens of Invenenergy made comment that no data has been collected for the wind testing yet. Because of this, there is no blueprint or timeframe on the New Campo wind project.

8) ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 pm. Minutes are submitted by Tammy Daubach, Secretary.

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